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To require the Secretary of Transportation to modify provisions relating to hours of service requirements with respect to transportation of certain live animals, and for other purposes.

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Mr. YOHO (for himself, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. WALKER, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. COLE, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. DUNN, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. COMER, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. GIANFORTE, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. BUCK, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. LUCAS, and Mr. ROUZER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Transporting Livestock
5 Across America Safely Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HOURS OF SERVICE REGULATIONS FOR TRANSPOR-**
2 **TATION OF CERTAIN ANIMALS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
4 shall amend part 395 of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-
5 tions, to ensure that, in the case of a driver transporting
6 a covered animal within a 300 air-mile radius from the
7 point at which the on-duty time of the driver begins with
8 respect to the trip—

9 (1) the on-duty time of the driver shall exclude
10 all time spent—

11 (A) at a plant, terminal, facility, or other
12 property of a motor carrier or shipper or on any
13 public property during which the driver is wait-
14 ing to be dispatched;

15 (B) loading or unloading a commercial
16 motor vehicle;

17 (C) supervising or assisting in the loading
18 or unloading of a commercial motor vehicle;

19 (D) attending to a commercial motor vehi-
20 cle while the vehicle is being loaded or un-
21 loaded;

22 (E) remaining in readiness to operate a
23 commercial motor vehicle; and

24 (F) giving or receiving receipts for ship-
25 ments loaded or unloaded;

1 (2) except as provided in paragraph (5), the
2 driving time under section 395.3(a)(3)(i) of that title
3 is modified to a maximum of not less than 15, and
4 not more than 18, hours within a 24-hour period;

5 (3) the driver may take one or more rest peri-
6 ods during the trip, which shall not be included in
7 the calculation of the driving time;

8 (4) after completion of the trip, the driver shall
9 be required to take a rest break for a period that
10 is 5 hours less than the maximum driving time
11 under paragraph (2);

12 (5) if the driver is within 150 air-miles of the
13 point of delivery, the driver may continue for not
14 more than 2 additional hours, which shall not be in-
15 cluded in the calculation of the driving time; and

16 (6) the 10-hour rest period under section
17 395.3(a)(1) of that title shall not apply.

18 (b) COVERED ANIMAL.—In this Act, the term “cov-
19 ered animal” means a live animal that is one of the fol-
20 lowing:

21 (1) Livestock (as defined in section 602 of the
22 Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1471)).

23 (2) Honey bees.

24 (3) Insects.

25 (4) Fish.

1 (5) Crawfish.

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